

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of RICHARD CHARLES GEORGE,
CHARENZE ANTHONY, LORENZO
ANTHONY, JR., CANDANCE ANTHONY, and
DEMETRIUS ANTHONY, Minors.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

LORENZO ANTHONY,

Respondent-Appellant.

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May 14, 2009

No. 286896
Wayne Circuit Court
Family Division
LC No. 07-475133-NA

Before: Sawyer, P.J., and Murray and Stephens, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent appeals as of right from a circuit court order terminating his parental rights to his children pursuant to MCL 712A.19b(3)(g), (j), and (k)(ii). We affirm. This appeal has been decided without oral argument pursuant to MCR 7.214(E).

The trial court did not clearly err in finding that §§ 19b(3)(j) and (k)(ii) were each established by clear and convincing evidence.¹ MCR 3.977(E)(3); *In re Utrera*, 281 Mich App 1, 16-17; 761 NW2d 253 (2008). The evidence showed that respondent was physically abusive toward his spouse and children. One child testified that respondent repeatedly hit him with a belt so hard that it left marks on his body. That child also observed respondent fondling the child's sister as she slept in her bed, and the sister reported that she had been sexually abused and impregnated by respondent.²

¹ Although respondent suggests that certain evidence was not legally admissible, he does not address the admissibility of any specific evidence in his brief. Therefore, any claim of error in this regard is abandoned. *People v Harris*, 261 Mich App 44, 50; 680 NW2d 17 (2004); *Prince v MacDonald*, 237 Mich App 186, 197; 602 NW2d 834 (1999).

² We may also take judicial notice of respondent's judgment of sentence in Court of Appeals Docket No. 290241, which indicates that respondent was convicted of three counts of first-
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Further, the evidence did not clearly show that termination of respondent's parental rights was not in the children's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); *In re Trejo Minors*, 462 Mich 341, 354; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). Thus, the trial court did not err in terminating respondent's parental rights to the children. *Id.* at 356.

Affirmed.

/s/ David H. Sawyer
/s/ Christopher M. Murray
/s/ Cynthia Diane Stephens

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degree criminal sexual conduct, MCL 750.520b(1)(b). See *People v Snow*, 386 Mich 586, 591; 194 NW2d 314 (1972); *Hawkeye Cas Co v Frisbee*, 316 Mich 540, 549; 25 NW2d 521 (1947).